MR. A. K. BHASKAR (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): May I know whether it is Mr. T. M. Varghese that the member is referring to?

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I do not think he is entitled to ask me questions.

PRESIDENT: He is out of order.

The honourable member has put the question "who was the Legal Adviser of the lessees at the time". First of all, was there any Legal Adviser? Has the honourable member found out whether there was any Legal Adviser at all?

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU: I mean the Legal Adviser of the Government with whom the company was in communication.

PRESIDENT: The Legal Adviser of Government will be the Advocate General and the honourable member could have easily found out his name by referring to the Civil List.

I propose to make a statement on this subject after question time.

MR. M. L. JANARDHANAN PILLAI: Is it not the duty of the Chair to ask the member to apologise if there is any insinuation in the question?

PRESIDENT: I am going to ask the party to which the honourable member belongs to take such action as they may deem fit against him after my statement.

Coir yarn exported from Travancore.

138. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state the quantity of coir yarn exported from Travancore since the promulgation of the Government of India Order fixing the price of certain varieties of coir yarn?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: The Government of India have not fixed the price of coir yarn in Travancore.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether the fixing of the rate has affected the traders in Travancore?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Sir, the Government of India have not fixed any rates.

MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Have they been fixed in Travancore?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: Yes, Sir.

Standard Cloth.

139. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether standard cloth is being distributed in rural areas; and

(*b*) the agency through which it is being distributed?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Through licensed dealers in cloth.

Cement Factory in Travancore.

140. *MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have arranged to start a Cement Factory in Travancore; and

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(*b*) whether cement is being sold to the public at present?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes, a very small quantity which the P. W. D. was able to spare.

Petrol Coupons.

141. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of private owned motor cars in the State; and

(*b*) the general principle they have adopted in issuing petrol coupons to the owners?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: (*a*) 1255.

(*b*) Owners of private cars are given basic ration irrespective of the nature of their work. Supplementary rations are generally given for purposes which are considered to be essential.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know which are the purposes which are considered to be essential?

MR. C. KUMARA DAS: A list of essential services has been framed by the Government of India and this Government, more or less, follow that list.

Engineering Degrees of the Travancore University.

142. ***MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Engineering Degrees of the University of Travancore are recognised;

(*a*) by the Government of India for appointment to the Indian Engineering Service; and

(*b*) by all Indian Universities?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): (*a*) The Federal Public Service Commission have recognised the B. Sc. (Eng.) Degree of this University provisionally, as a qualification for admission to the Engineering Services Examinations conducted by them, pending the recognition of the degree by the Institution of Engineers (India).

(*b*) Steps are being taken for the recognition of the degree by the Institution of Engineers (India), the premier Engineering Association in India, and the recognition of the degree by the other Indian Universities is expected to follow.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know whether any Travancorean who holds the B. Sc., Engineering Degree has so far secured any appointment in the Federal Public Service?

MR. H. C. PAPWORTH: There are at present no graduates in Engineering of Travancore University.

PRESIDENT: Will the honourable member raise his voice because the acoustic property of this Hall is imperfect.

Students admitted to the Engineering College.

143. ***MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of students admitted to the Engineering College during the years 1117, 1118 and 1119;

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